MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
JANUARY 10, 1961

2:00 p. m.

The Commission met, pursuant to notice, in executive session, at 2:00 p.m., with David E. Finley, Chairman, presiding.

Present were: David E. Finley
Douglas W. Orr
William G. Perry
Michael Rapuano
Peter Hurd
Ralph Walker

L. R. Wilson, Secretary
C. H. Atherton, Asst. Secretary
C. L. Martin, Counsel
Susan E. Bennett, Admin. Asst.

(Mr. de Weldon was unable to attend the executive session)

1. Administration

a. The members agreed to hold the next meeting on February 15, 1961 at 9:30 a.m., with an executive session on February 14, 1961 at 2:00 p.m.

b. Approval of Minutes

The Secretary stated that drafts of the minutes of the meetings of the Commission that were held on September 18 and 19, October 18 and 19, and November 15 and 16 had been mailed to the members for their approval or correction; that a draft of the minutes of the special meeting, held to consider the design of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation building in New York City on October 5, 1960 had likewise been sent to the members for approval or correction; and, that the members, with some suggested changes, had approved the minutes as drafted.

c. Letter to the President

The Chairman read a draft of a proposed letter addressed to President Eisenhower expressing the gratitude of the members of the Commission of Fine Arts for his efforts, during his term of office, to preserve and enhance the beauty of the city of Washington, and to thank him for the honor of appointing them to the Commission of Fine Arts. The members approved the letter as drafted. EXHIBIT A

2. Submissions

a. National Capital Downtown Committee
Redevelopment Plan for "Downtown District" of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Knox Banner, Executive Director; Mr. Leo Stern, Deputy Director; Mr. Melvin Levine, Chief Planner, and Mr. Paul D. Spreiregen, Planning Designer, all of the National Capital Downtown Committee, met with the members of the Commission to present a series of general studies showing how the "downtown area" of Washington might be redeveloped.

It was explained that the boundaries of the area under study extended from Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. to Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. and from Fifth Street, N.W. to Fifteenth Street, N.W. The emphasis of the study was placed on checking the growing deterioration in the commercial area north of Pennsylvania Avenue, and parallel to F and G Streets. The results of the study were displayed in a number of drawings and color slides depicting the various features of their basic studies.

The members discussed several aspects of the presentation and directed the Secretary to prepare a letter setting forth their views. EXHIBIT B

b. Department of the Army, Office of the Quartermaster General
Heraldic Branch
Four Chaplains Medal

The Secretary read a letter from Major General C. G. Calloway, Director of Operations of the Office of the Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, explaining that the production schedule for completion of the Four Chaplains Medal made it impossible to present the design of the medal for further consideration by the Commission. The members regretted that further study could not have been made to improve the design. No action by the Commission was deemed to be necessary. EXHIBIT C

c. General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service

Court House-Lafayette Square

No material was received for review atthis time, except a cardboard scale model of the White House area. Open spaces were left east and west of Lafayette Square to permit insertion of various cardboard blocks, representing the masses of buildings that could be built on the east and west sides of the Square. One of these blocks represented an ideal scheme, which the members had requested. The members looked at the various schemes, but reserved comment pending hearing the explanations of the representatives of the Public Buildings Service and the architects on the following day.

d. Interior Department, National Parks Service, National Capital Parks
George Washington Memorial Parkway, Revised Design of Cabin John Bridge

A perspective drawing of the revised design of the proposed Cabin John Bridge on the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Maryland was studied. The members considered that the new design incorporated the Commission's suggestion, made at the October 19, 1960, meeting, that the round, freestanding supports near both ends of the bridge be eliminated. The design was considered to be greatly improved, but no action was taken pending a discussion with representatives of the National Capital Parks the following day.

e. Redevelopment Land Agency
Southwest Waterfront Redevelopment

A carefully-detailed scale model and drawings of the proposed plan prepared by Mrs. Cloethiel Smith, for the redevelopment of Maine Avenue waterfront was studied. It was noted that this project had been approved by the Redevelopment Land Agency. The members were favorably impressed by the general arrangement, but postponed action pending a scheduled discussion of it with Mrs. Smith and a representative of the Redevelopment Land Agency the following day.

f. The White House
Proposed Design of the Robert Frost Medal

The members considered twelve different sketches showing ideas for both sides of the proposed Robert Frost Medal, as prepared by artists of the Treasury Department and forwarded from the White House Office. The members expressed their preference for designs of both sides of the medal, but deferred final action until Mr. de Weldon, the sculptor member of the Commission, had an opportunity to give his opinion on the designs submitted.

3. Discussions

a. Letter to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget Regarding Parking Facilities on Veterans Administration Hospital Projects

The Chairman read a draft of a proposed letter addressed to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget expressing the Commission's regret that it was not feasible to adopt the Commission's suggestion to use funds accruing from low construction bids for separate parking facilities for the new Veteran's Administration Hospital to be erected in Washington, D. C. The Commission desired to see more grass and trees around the building. The letter was approved as drafted. EXHIBIT D

b. Letter to the Mount Vernon Ladies Association

The Chairman read to the members a request from the Director of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association, Mr. Charles C. Wall, for the

Commission's support of its efforts to prevent threatened commercial development of the eastern shore of the Potomac River opposite the Mount Vernon Mansion. The members agreed that the Commission should support the Mount Vernon Ladies Association and a resolution was adopted by the Commission which the Secretary was directed to forward to Mr. Wall. EXHIBIT E

c. Chairman's Conference with General C. G. Calloway and Colonel John D. Martz in Regard to the Proposed Position of Master of Heraldry

The Chairman informed the members of a conference which he had with Major General C. G. Calloway and Colonel John D. Martz of the Office of the Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, at which he was requested to submit the names of persons eligible for the position of Master of Heraldry in the Institute of Heraldry which the Department of the Army intends to establish. The Chairman informed the members that he had suggested a name for this position and that he had also urged that individual sculptors be hired to execute the designs of proposed medals in the future, rather than to retain a single sculptor to work full time on the staff, as is done at present.

d. Proposed Executive Order

The members looked at a draft of a proposed Executive Order, prepared by the staff of the Commission at the request of the Chairman. Counsel for the Commission explained that the two-fold purpose of this order would be first, to define the area of authority of the Commission of Fine Arts as extending to the "National Capital Area", that is, the District of Columbia, Montgomery County and Prince Georges County, Maryland, and Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties in Virginia; and second, to provide that officials who are required to obtain the advice of the Commission must state in writing to the President and the District Committees of Congress and the Commission of Fine Arts the reasons why such recommendations will not be followed. The members decided to study the text of the draft order and to act on it at a future date. EXHIBIT F

4. Review

a. Great Plaza, Federal Triangle

The Chairman read a letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration in reply to the Commission's letter of October 19, 1960 inquiring about plans of the General Services Administration for the development of the Great Plaza in front of the Department of Commerce Building on 14th Street, N.W. The members agreed to continue to press the matter as occasion afforded, although the letter indicated that no immediate action was contemplated. EXHIBIT G

b. Removal of Tempos

An announcement was read to the members, which appeared in the Washington Post on January 9, 1961, by the Regional Commissioner of the General Services Administration that the 5-year building program of the General Services Administration, recently sent to Congress, would result in removing all temporary buildings in the District of Columbia except the Munitions and Navy buildings between 17th and 21st Street and Constitution Avenue by 1965. The members agreed that they would support any action that would hasten this date and include the Navy and Munitions Buildings. EXHIBIT H

c. Relocation of Benjamin Rush Statue

The Secretary told the members of recent developments in regard to the relocation of the Benjamin Rush statue, presently located in front of the Old Naval Observatory on the axis of 26th Street, N.W. Relocation of the statue will be necessary because it stands in the way of the extension of E Street as one of the approaches to the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Bridge. He reported that the Acting Surgeon General, Department of the Navy supported the Commission's recommendation that the statue be given a prominent location in the city rather than be removed to the grounds of St. Elizabeth's Hospital as first suggested by the Department of the Navy, and that a site somewhere along Pennsylvania Avenue might be found for it. The triangle bordered by Pennsylvania Avenue, 17th Street, N.W. and H Street, N.W. was suggested and approved as a possible site.

It was further decided to seek the advice and assistance of the National Park Service, the National Capital Planning Commission, the District Commissioners, and the American Medical Association, which donated the statue, to arrange for the relocation of the statue. EXHIBIT I

d. Letter from the Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, in Regard to Arlington Memorial Amphitheater

The Secretary called to the attention of the members a letter received from the Quartermaster General, Department of the Army, stating the Office of the Quartermaster General would continue to seek the advice of the Commission of Fine Arts in regard to the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater pursuant to an informal agreement between the Secretary of Defense and the Bureau of the Budget. This provision was necessary due to the abolishment of the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater Commission by the 86th Congress. No action on this matter was required. EXHIBIT J

e. Letter from the Director, National Park Service, in Regard to the Upkeep of Parks in the District of Columbia

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Conrad Wirth, Director, National Park Service in response to the Chairman's letter of October 19, 1960 regarding the poor condition of parks in the District, offering support for requesting larger appropriations. No further action on this matter seemed necessary. EXHIBIT K

5. Shipstead-Luce Act

a. Report of Actions Taken on Shipstead-Luce Applications dated 1/10/61 (Appendix 1)

The Secretary reported the actions taken, after recommendations of the Shipstead-Luce Panel of Architects, on the Shipstead-Luce Applications forwarded for review by the District of Columbia Department of Licenses and Inspections since 28 December 1960. This report was dated 10 January 1961 and comprises Appendix 1 of the Order of Business. Confirmation of action was given in each instance of the favorable action and recommendations of the Shipstead-Luce Panel. EXHIBIT L

b. Preliminary Submissions

The members discussed the preliminary submission of a proposed design for a garage for Auto Centers, Inc. at 1415 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. After studying the design the members recommended that materials more neutral in tone be used than those shown in the drawing presented at the meeting. They also recommended that the design be simplified in view of its proximity to the proposed Pershing Memorial.

6. Old Georgetown Act

a. Report of Actions Taken on Old Georgetown Act Applications Since 3 January 1961 (Report dated 10 January 1961)

The Secretary reported on the actions taken after the recommendations of the Old Georgetown Panel of Architects on the Old Georgetown Applications forwarded for review by the District of Columbia Department of Licenses and Inspections since 3 January 1961. This report was dated 10 January 1961 and comprises Appendix 2 of the Order of Business. After noting individual cases the favorable actions as shown on Appendix 2 were confirmed by the members. There were no unfavorable actions or recommendations. EXHIBIT M

b. Preliminary Submissions

(1) 1229 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. - Proposed 3-Level Garage

The members considered a preliminary submission by Jeffrees-Dyer, Inc. of a design for a 3-level garage to be located at 1229 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. After studying several drawings of various

designs the members recommended the adjacent fenestration on Wisconsin Avenue be recalled across the upper level of the garage; that the stairways be studied with a view to obtaining greater symmetry; that the horizontal lines expressing the two parking levels be made to carry across the entire front on Wisconsin Avenue, and that the parapet at the top be made high enough to hide the average car. The Secretary was directed to convey these recommendations to the architect.

(2) 1801 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. - Proposed Office Building for Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co.

The members also considered several drawings and a model of preliminary submission for a proposed office building for the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company at 1801 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. After studying the model and drawings the members recommended that spacing of the windows on the second floor should be used on the first floor and throughout the building, and that the front entrance should be restudied.

7. Review

a. 1046 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. - Razing Authorized

The members were informed the District Commissioners had granted a permit to raze an old house at 1046 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. in spite of the Commission's recommendation that the permit be denied and the house preserved. The site of the house is now being used by the owner of a welding shop adjoining the property for the purpose of parking three trucks. No action was taken.

b. 1623 35th Street, N.W. - Razing

The members were told that a permit to raze a dwelling at 1623 35th Street, N.W. had been denied as recommended by the Commission and that the owner had asked for a hearing before the District Commissioners on the matter. The Chairman was authorized to present the Commission's views at the hearing.

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was recessed until the following morning at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Martin

C. L. Martin
Legal Counsel

Approved:

L. R. Wilson

L. R. Wilson
Secretary

M. Wilson

For file

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
JANUARY 10, 1961

ORDER OF BUSINESS

2:00 p.m. 1. CONVENE, ROOM 7000, INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING

2. ADMINISTRATION

(a) Date of Next Meeting: 15 February 1961

Executive Session: 14 February 1961

(b) Approval of Minutes

(c) Letter to The President

(d) Tender of Resignation - Mr. William G. Perry

3. SUBMISSIONS - INTERVIEWS:

2:30 p.m. (a) National Capital Downtown Committee: (Mr. Knox Banner, Exec. Director; Mr. Leo Stern, Deputy Director; Mr. Melvin Levine, Chief Planner; Mr. Paul D. Spreiregen, Planning Designer)

Redevelopment Plan for "Downtown Business" District

(b) Department of the Army, Office of the Quartermaster General, Heraldic Branch

Four Chaplains Medal, Revised Design (and letter)

(c) General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service

Court House - Lafayette Square - East Side

(d) Interior Department, National Park Service, National Capital Parks

George Washington Memorial Parkway, Cabin John Bridge, Revised Design

(e) Redevelopment Land Agency

Southwest Water Front Development

(f) The White House

Robert Frost Medal, Design

4. DISCUSSIONS:

(a) Draft of a letter reference Veterans Administration Hospital Parking.

(b) Draft of a letter to Mount Vernon Ladies Association re Protective Measures.

(c) Chairman's conference with General Calloway and Col. Martz re Director for Institute of Heraldry.

(d) Resolution of CFA re Eastern Shore of Potomac River opposite Mt. Vernon.

5. REVIEW:

(a) Great Plaza Development, Removal of Tempos.

(b) Relocation of Statue of Dr. Benjamin Rush.

(c) Letter from QMG's Office re Arlington Cemetery.

(d) Letter from National Park Service, re Up-Keep of Parks.

6. SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT:

(a) Review and Confirmation of Actions of Shipstead-Luce Panel. (Appendix 1, dated 1/10/61).

(b) Preliminary Submission: Proposed garage for Auto Centers, Inc., at 1415 Penna. Ave., NW.

7. OLD GEORGETOWN ACT:

(a) Review and Confirmation of Actions of Old Georgetown Board. (Appendix 2, dated 1/10/61).

(b) Preliminary Submissions:

(1) Proposed garage for Jeffress-Dyer, Inc., at 1229 Wisc. Ave., NW.

(2) Proposed office bldg. for Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co. at 1801 Wisc. Ave., NW.

(c) Review:

(1) OG 2699, 1046 Wisc. Ave., NW - Razing.

(2) OG 2728, 1623-35th St., NW - Razing.

12 January 1961

Dear Mr. President

At the meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts which was held on 11 January, the members asked me to express to you their deep appreciation of the efforts which you have made during your terms of office as President, to preserve and enhance the beauty of the city of Washington as the nation's capital. They are particularly conscious of your recent efforts to guide the development of the area bordering Lafayette Square and the White House. We hope to carry out your recommendations in cooperation with the Administrator of General Services and the National Capital Planning Commission.

The members of the Commission asked me to express, on their behalf as well as my own, our deep appreciation for the honor which you have conferred upon us, in appointing us to the Commission of Fine Arts, and the pleasure it has been to serve under your distinguished leadership. I wish to add my own personal gratitude for the many kindnesses you have shown me.

Faithfully yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

The President
The White House

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EXHIBIT A

18 January 1961

Dear Mr. Banner:

The members of the Commission of Fine Arts have asked me to write you and thank you and the staff of the National Capital Downtown Committee, Inc. for the presentation at the meeting of the Commission on January 10, 1961, of the studies which have been made under your direction for the redevelopment of the downtown business district of the city of Washington.

The members were impressed with the stress which had been put on the use of existing green spaces, the introduction of new courts and promenades, and also, the suppression and control of vehicular traffic to permit easy pedestrian access. They noted the desire to utilize the existing 19th century structures and to relate them visually to other features in the plan of Washington. They were reassured to learn that your studies have been made to utilize the benefits resulting from the proposed subway system.

While the actual form which these basic ideas will take has not yet been determined, the members thought that the approach you have taken will lead to good results. The Commission, as you know, is particularly concerned with the area affected by the Shipstead-Luce Act, but will be glad to confer with you as regards other features of the work as they develop, if you so desire.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Mr. Knox Banner
Executive Director
National Capital Downtown Committee, Inc.
711-14th Street, N.W.
Washington 5, D. C.

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EXHIBIT B

HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO
QMGRE-H 421.4
Medal, Four Chaplains

4 January 1961

Honorable David E. Finley
Chairman, The Commission of Fine Arts
Interior Department Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of 19 December 1960 wherein you returned the design of the Medal for Heroism of the Four Chaplains.

It is regrettable that the time element precluded further coordination with your Office. It is possible that further study and coordination between The Commission of Fine Arts and our Heraldic people could have resulted in beneficial modifications. I am sure, however, that you understand the circumstances wherein the necessity for completion of the project prior to the middle of January were of an overriding nature.

Please be assured that, on future design efforts to be coordinated with The Commission of Fine Arts, every effort will be made to allow sufficient time for the fullest review and consideration.

Your cooperation and assistance in this project and in those past are greatly appreciated. It is my hope that this New Year will see a continued concordance in our liaison which has been so valuable to us in the past.

Sincerely,

C. G. CALLOWAY
Major General, USA
Director of Operations

EXHIBIT C

January 13, 1961

Dear Mr. Stans:

At its meetings on September 21 and October 18, 1960, the Commission of Fine Arts met with representatives of the Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration and the Veterans Administration and their architects to consider the design of a proposed Veterans Administration Hospital on a desirable site east of the Washington Hospital Center, and south of the Soldiers Home.

In examining the plans for the hospital, the members of the Commission were disturbed by the use of so much of the grounds surrounding the building for the outdoor parking of 850 automobiles. The members stated that it was their belief that such use of land, not only here but elsewhere, is a tendency that will eventually eliminate the areas of grass which are essential parts of the setting of our hospitals and public buildings. It was the members' opinion that a multitude of automobiles parked on asphalt paving would not contribute to feelings of peace or serenity in the minds of the patients looking from the windows of the hospital, but instead will be a disturbing and confusing aspect of their stay there. There is no doubt in our own minds that a park like atmosphere created by grass and trees near the building, with as little intrusion by automobiles as possible, would be preferable for the patients and visitors alike, to rows upon rows of parked automobiles that would meet the eye.

The Commission was informed that the estimated total cost of the hospital was 20 million dollars. We recommended, therefore, in a letter that the Veterans Administration request authority from the Bureau of the Budget to prepare, and have ready, an alternate provision for an underground or separate garage facility, for use in case an acceptable bid for the construction of the project was received for no more than $18,900,000 in which event the facility could be built for the $1,900,000 gained from the lower bid.

I was informed subsequently by a member of the staff of the Bureau of the Budget in the early part of November that, while the Bureau of the Budget agreed, in general, with the Commission's views regarding parking, there would not, in any case, be enough money available to provide other parking facilities for this hospital.

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I do not know of any recent developments which would result in changing the situation.

The members of the Commission have, therefore, requested me to write to you to express their disappointment that no separate parking facilities will be provided in this new hospital; and to stress their hope that it will become a fixed policy of the Bureau of the Budget to require the Veterans Administration in the future to include in its estimates of total cost, the cost of separate parking facilities for hospitals. Alternatively, perhaps the Bureau of the Budget could adopt the policy of allowing the Veterans Administration to present at least, an alternate proposal for the use of any surplus between the estimated cost and the acceptable low bid to cover the cost of underground or separate parking facilities. We hope that you will consider and pass along this suggestion to your successor in office.

It might be well to note that the Office of Defense Mobilization has recommended that provision for fall-out shelters be included in new government buildings. Underground parking facilities would make excellent fall-out shelters for many people with very little additional expense to the total cost of the project.

The Commission is sure you will agree that our sick and injured veterans, who have sacrificed so much for their country, are entitled to the most pleasant surroundings as well as the very best facilities that the United States Government can provide for them, and that every effort should be made to achieve this goal.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Honorable Maurice Stans
Director
Bureau of the Budget
Washington 25, D.C.

January 13, 1961

Dear Mr. Wall:

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting on January 10, 1961, considered your recent letters calling attention to the threat to the scenic environment of Mount Vernon by the construction of a sewage treatment plant and other commercial development on the eastern shore of the Potomac River, directly opposite Mount Vernon.

The members of the Commission of Fine Arts share your alarm, and, after discussing the importance of Mount Vernon as a National Shrine, they adopted the following resolution, which they directed me to send to you as the Resident Director of the Mount Vernon Ladies Association:

> WHEREAS, the Commission of Fine Arts has been informed by the Mount Vernon Ladies Association of the fact that the scenic environment of Mount Vernon is in danger of being marred by future commercial development along the eastern shore of the Potomac River, and has been requested to render assistance to prevent the desecration of the scenic beauty of Mount Vernon, and,
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> WHEREAS, the Commission is of the opinion that, as Mount Vernon is one of the great historic shrines in the United States and is situated upon a height overlooking the Potomac River, it is most important that the environment should be kept as rural in character as possible;
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> THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Commission, hoping that a way may be found whereby the area across the Potomac River, as viewed from the Mount Vernon Mansion, extending from Piscataway Creek to Marshall Hall Park, will continue to remain as a rural area free from commercial development, will support the Mount Vernon Ladies Association in whatever way it can to achieve these ends.

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We hope that you will feel free to call upon us for further assistance which we can give.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Mr. Charles C. Wall
Resident Director
Mount Vernon Ladies Association
Mount Vernon, Virginia

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EXECUTIVE ORDER
PROVIDING FOR REFERRAL TO THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS OF CERTAIN MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE DESIGN OF PUBLIC STRUCTURES AND QUESTIONS OF ART IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA

Whereas, the Act of Congress of May 17, 1910 (36 Stat. 371) established a permanent Commission of Fine Arts, to be appointed by the President of the United States, to advise upon the location of statues, fountains and monuments in the public squares, streets and parks in the District of Columbia, and upon the selection of models for statues, fountains and monuments erected under the authority of the United States, and to advise generally upon questions of art when requested to do so by the President, or by any committee of either House of Congress; and

Whereas, by various Executive Orders the comment and advice of the Commission must be secured before final action is taken upon plans for public buildings erected for the Federal Government in the District of Columbia which affect in any important way the appearance of the City of Washington, or upon questions involving matters of art with which the Federal Government is concerned; and

Whereas, public structures are being and will be erected by and for the Federal Government outside of the territorial limits of the District of Columbia in the national capital area, and the comment and advice of the Commission of Fine Arts is not required for such projects under existing Executive Orders, and it is determined that the comment and advice of the Commission should be received as to the appearance and questions of art involved in such public structures;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution

EXHIBIT F

and the laws of the United States, and in particular by the Act of May 17, 1910 (36 Stat. 371), it is hereby directed as follows:

1. That hereafter plans for no public structure to be erected under the authority of the Federal Government in the National Capital area, which is defined as the District of Columbia; Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties in Maryland; Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William Counties in Virginia, and all cities located in Maryland or Virginia within the area bounded by the outer boundaries of the combined area of said counties, shall be finally approved by the duly authorized officer until such officer shall have submitted and received the comment and advice of the Commission of Fine Arts.

2. That hereafter in the event a duly authorized official, required by this or other existing Executive Orders to submit plans for public structures or questions of art to the Commission of Fine Arts for its comments and advice, determines that the recommendations of the Commission will not be followed, he shall advise the President of the United States, the District of Columbia Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives, and the Commission in writing his reasons why such recommendations will not be followed.

The White House

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Washington 25, D.C.

NOV 16 1960

Honorable David E. Finley
Chairman
Commission of Fine Arts
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Finley:

Agreement has been reached among the General Services Administration, the National Capital Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners, District of Columbia, for the transfer of the public building at 451 Indiana Avenue, N.W., about which you wrote on October 19, 1960, by GSA to the Board of Commissioners, District of Columbia, effective January 1, 1962, or on such earlier date as the Federal Government may vacate the building. We have no information concerning the identity of agencies of the District of Columbia Government which will occupy the building or the extent to which present occupancy of the District Building, located at 14th and E Streets, N.W., will be affected by the occupancy of the above-mentioned building by the Government of the District of Columbia. In the event the District Building is transferred to the Federal Government, it will undoubtedly be used, pending the authorization and provision of funds for the construction of a new public building on the site, to meet some of the critical housing needs of Federal agencies described briefly in our letter of April 4, 1960 and in our brochure entitled "Construction Program - Federal Buildings - Washington, D.C., and Vicinity - 1956-1966," with which you are familiar.

You will recall that in our letter of May 19, 1959 we stated that we would not consider it to be wise to discontinue the use of the Great Plaza for critically needed parking facilities in this area of downtown Washington unless and until funds are provided for its development and use as "a park-like embellishment and setting for the public buildings to the south and east of it" as suggested by the Superintendent, National Capital Parks, National Park Service, and by others in recent years. We know of no new developments which would suggest a change in our position in this matter.

Sincerely yours

FRANKLIN FLOETE
Administrator

FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION
NOV 17 1960

L. R. WILSON, SECRETARY
COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

EXHIBIT G

DISTRIBUTE TO MEMBERS

All But 2 'Tempos' To Go in 5 Years Under GSA Plan

The General Services Administration plans to clear all but two temporary buildings out of Washington within the next five years.

GSA Regional Commissioner Karl E. Wallace said yesterday the five-year public buildings program sent to Congress last week will leave just two "tempos" standing in the District.

They are the ponderous Munitions and Navy buildings on Constitution ave. nw., between 17th and 21st sts. Munitions date back to 1917.

Thirteen thousand people work in the two buildings, which have 2 million square feet of space. In contrast to the other ramshackle tempos around the Capital, these are constructed of concrete, which has endeared them to budget-conscious Congressmen.

Wallace said a third tempo will be retained just outside Washington. It is T-7 on the National Airport grounds, where some 4000 Defense Department workers report daily.

Admirers of the L'Enfant plan may be cheered by Wallace's report, in which he said not only T-3, but T-4 and T-5 are on the demolition list. T-4 and T-5 now stand directly between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. Viewed from the west end of the Reflecting Pool, they blot out the Mall, the Capitol, the base of the Washington Monument and practically everything else to the east.

T-4 and T-5 are occupied by the Federal Aviation Agency, which will be moving into Federal Office Building 10 when it is completed about 3 years from now on Independence ave. sw., near the Smithsonian Institution.

T-3 fronts on Constitution ave. nw., adjacent to T-4 and T-5. Defense Department workers employed there will be shifted to the "Little Pentagon" the GSA plans to build in Southwest Washington.

Elsewhere along the Mall: Tempos L, K, J and I on the south side of the Reflecting Pool will come down when the Central Intelligence Agency moves to its new Langley, Va. headquarters. The same fate awaits the CIA tempos in West Potomac Park, which stand in the way of a Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial.

Two small tempos between the Reflecting Pool and the Navy and Munitions Buildings are also slated for demolition. Tempos D, E and S are to be cleared away for the Smithsonian Institution's Air Museum between 4th and 7th streets, across from the National Gallery of Art.

The last of 13 tempos to be torn down is Tempo R just east of the Air Museum site, which would come down when its Defense workers move to the proposed little Pentagon.

FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION

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L. R. WILSON, SECRETARY
COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

EXHIBIT H

25 January 1961

Dear Mr. Wirth:

I am writing you concerning the proposed relocation of a statue of Dr. Benjamin Rush presently located on the grounds of the Old Naval Observatory in northwest Washington.

The Commission has been informed by Rear Admiral E. C. Kenney, Acting Surgeon General, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Department of the Navy, that the approach roads to the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge will come within a foot of the statue and will place it in an isolated area where it could not be readily seen. Admiral Kenney said that Dr. Rush, in addition to having been a member of the Continental Congress of 1776 and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, is also regarded as being "The First American Alienist" and that it was, therefore, considered appropriate to relocate the statue on the grounds of St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Admiral Kenney requested the Commission to approve the relocation of the statue to a site on the grounds of St. Elizabeth's Hospital.

The Commission has examined the statue and found it to be an excellent work of art by Roland Hinton Perry. The members believe that Dr. Rush, as a well known American patriot and signer of the Declaration of Independence, should be given a prominent location on federal land as near the Lafayette Square as possible, and suggest that a site in the small triangular park bounded by Pennsylvania Avenue, 18th Street and H Street, Northwest, which is near the house occupied by Dr. Rush during his lifetime, which has now been demolished.

Inasmuch as the statue was a gift from the American Medical Association to the nation it is fitting that the Federal government, through National Capital Parks, bear the expense of maintaining the site, although it is our understanding that the expense of relocation is chargeable to the District of Columbia Department of Highways.

Accordingly, I am writing you to ask if the Park Service is willing to agree to assume responsibility for the maintenance of the statue and for an expression of your opinion as to the site recommended by the Commission of Fine Arts.

EXHIBIT I

I am enclosing copies of correspondence received by the Commission from Admiral Kenney on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Honorable Conrad Wirth
Director
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

QMEMK-P 30 November 1960

Mr. David E. Finley, Chairman

The Commission of Fine Arts

Dear Mr. Finley:

This is in reply to your letter of 16 November 1960 concerning the implementation of the Act of 2 September 1960, which abolished the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater Commission.

By Memorandum dated 27 October 1960, the Secretary of the Army was designated as the official to execute the provisions of the law in behalf of the Secretary of Defense; and he, in turn, named The Quartermaster General as the responsible staff officer to act in his behalf.

This Office has long regarded the Commission of Fine Arts as a source of invaluable advice and guidance in the solution of questions pertaining to the Arlington Memorial Amphitheater and its immediate environs. We have already informed the Secretary of the Army that we shall obtain the advice of the Commission as to the character, design, and location of each proposed entombment and memorial, in accordance with information already furnished the Bureau of the Budget and the President.

At the present time, we know of no interest in having additional memorials placed in the Amphitheater or in having additional interments made in the Amphitheater area. Eventually the staff of our Memorial Division will be drafting the permanent maps of the burial sections around the Amphitheater. At an appropriate time the Division Chief, Colonel Harry D. Temple, will be in touch with your Secretary to work out plans for such consultation and inspection as seems desirable.

Sincerely,

B. E. KENDALL
Brigadier General, USA
Director of Administration

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EXHIBIT J

IN REPLY REFER TO:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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Mr. David E. Finley
Chairman, Commission of
Fine Arts
Room 7000, Interior Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Finley:

We appreciate your letter of October 19, expressing your interest in obtaining additional appropriations for the maintenance of the parks in the Nation's Capital. We must agree that additional funds for both the development and care of all park reservations would make it possible to add greatly to the beauty of the Federal City.

The effort is made each year, through the usual budgetary channels, to obtain additional money for the maintenance, not only of the parks in Washington but throughout the whole National Park system. I can assure you that I am quite conscious of the needs of the National Capital Parks system, and that a full share of the funds appropriated for maintenance purposes are allocated to the parks in the Nation's Capital.

While I am unable to indicate specifically how you and the Commission of Fine Arts might assist in obtaining an increase in the appropriation for the maintenance of the National Capital Parks system, I am quite confident that the interest you have indicated in the local maintenance problem will be most useful in supporting requests for increases in appropriations during the years ahead.

Sincerely yours,

Director

EXHIBIT K

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 12/28/60 1/10/61

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
2346	7-9-11-13 2nd St., NW Mrs. L. B. Silverman	Rev. to SL 2344 to conform to CFA action on SL 2344.
ACTION: App'd; provided the following changes are made: (1) show 1st fl. windows on front elevation 3' x 7' as indicated in window schedule; (2) install transom over door to match height of window heads; (3) request submission of profile drawing through new cornice, & suggest differentiation between elevations of original structures by slight variation in color; (4) increase width of brick piers at entr. gate to provide minimum thickness of 15", 12/20/60.		
2347	501 D St., NW Colonial Inn	2 s-f signs. 18½ sq-ft each. 1 on D St. & 1 on 5th St. Black ltrs. on white plastic bckgd. Illuminated.
ACTION: No objection to change in text of sign as indicated, for Roman lettering. (NOTE: Signs are larger than those app'd. by the CFA under SL 1735, dated 3/30/55.), 12/20/60.		
2352	934 D St., NW Porter & Brady Signs	1 s-f, 36 sq-ft sign. Gold leaf ltrs., Green smalt bckgd.
ACTION: App'd., 12/20/60.		
2353	1913 E St., NW Parking Management, Inc.	1 d-f sign. 12 sq-ft each face. Metal, white & black.
ACTION: App'd. provided shape & dimensions of sign match those of sign proposed for location at 511-24th St., NW, & shown in S. L. 2354, 1/6/61.		
2354	511-24th St., NW Parking Management, Inc.	1 d-f sign. 12 sq-ft each face. Metal, white & black.
ACTION: App'd., 1/6/61.		

APPENDIX 1

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
2355	701 Market Space, NW Kann's Dept. Store	Install 18 floodlighting fixtures on showwindow roofs to illuminate 7th St. & Market Space faces of bldg.

ACTION: Ret'd. In the approval of the modifications to bldgs. at 701 Market Space, NW, submitted as SL 2128 on 11/17/58, it was stated that the approval of this type of construction could only be given on the condition that all visible parts of the bldgs. should be covered, including the west wall of the taller bldg. to the roof line of the lower bldg. The photographs accompanying this submission show that this recommendation has not, as yet, been followed. Since the lighting of the facade as proposed in this application and the treatment of the unfinished portions of the taller bldg. are integral to the appearance from Penna. Ave., the CFA cannot approve such illumination until the original recommendation has been followed, 1/10/61.

2356	1820 Redbud Lane, NW Harry Bonnett & Son	Rev. to SL 2315 to comply with CFA recommendations on proposed 1-story brick dwelling.

ACTION: App'd. provided brick moulding around main entrance be no greater than 4" in width, 1/6/61.

2357	5810 Oregon Ave., NW Mr & Mrs A.J. Kaplowitz	Rev. to SL 2348, for 1-story & basement dwelling, to comply with CFA recom'ds. on SL 2348.

ACTION: App'd. provided brick is substituted for Silvera Stone, 1/6/61.

2358	1701 Penna. Ave., NW International Bank	1 s-f, 60 sq-ft temporary construction sign.

ACTION: App'd. for the general character and location, and for an overall display area not to exceed 25 square-feet, 1/6/61.

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NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
2345	301-6th St., SW Almack Parking Service (RLA)	2 d-f signs, 12 sq-ft each, non-illuminated. Free-standing on iron pipe.

ACTION: App'd. for 1 temporary sign at corner of 6th & C Sts., SW, provided text of sign is limited to identification of parking lot, & advertising matter is omitted, 12/14/60

2348	5810 Oregon Ave., NW Mr & Mrs A. J. Kaplowitz	Rev. of SL 2343 for 1-story & basement dwelling, to comply with CFA recommendations on SL 2343.

ACTION: Disap'd; recom. restudy making following changes: (1) Substitute brick for Silvera Stone, carrying brick up to roof fascia and omitting aluminum siding on right side elevation; (2) Omit wooden fascia over basement door and window; (3) Simplify fenestration, 12/15/60.

2349	943 Penna. Ave., NW Penn Camera Exchange, Inc.	Rev. to SL 2337 to install black canvas awning over showwindow & entr. door; folding type.

ACTION: Disap'd; recom. revising canopy to provide for fully recessed awning and gear roller mechanism, with no exposed bracing, 12/15/60

2350	5830 Oregon Ave., NW Maurice Stearman	Rev. to SL 2341 to incorporate recom'ds. of CFA on proposal to build 1-story & basement brick dwelling & drive.

ACTION: Approved, 12/15/60.

2351	1820 Redbud Lane, NW Harry Bonnett & Son, Inc.	1-story brick dwelling.

ACTION: Disap'd; recom. that design be restudied making following changes: (1) That brick be substituted for masonite siding in gable ends on right and left side elevations; (2) That horizontal dimension of chimney, as seen in side elevations, be increased by minimum of one foot; (3) That main entrance on front elevation be framed with brick rather than wood molding as shown; (4) That main entrance door be centered, installing additional glass panel on right side to match glass panel on left side of door; (5) That basement door be moved to right so as not to line up with window above; (6) Provide flush panel basement door, 12/15/60

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NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
2725	1229-37th St., NW Jeanne C. Bateman, M. D.	3'-3" high white enamel aluminum picket fence to replace exist. wood picket fence.

ACTION: Not recommended for aluminum; recommend new wood picket fence, or restoring existing fence, 11/22/60

2726	3247 R St., NW Mr & Mrs Wm. Freeman	Repair masonry work over windows by replacing stone lintels with brick.

ACTION: Recommended for parts visible from a public highway, 11/22/60

2727	1665 Wisc. Ave., NW Marguerite S. Hopkins (Aladdins Lamps)	1 d-f metal sign; 3 sq-ft each face; non-illuminated.

ACTION: Not recommended; recommend 1" high molding around border of sign. Also suggest insignia be pierced through metal signboard instead of being painted on, 11/22/60.

2729	3200 M St., NW Place Vendome & Rive Gauche Restaurant	1 s-f sign. 20 sq-ft, non-illuminated. Gold-leaf ltrs. on black enamel background.

ACTION: Not recommended; recommend 1" high molding around border of sign, 11/22/60.

2730	3022 Q St., NW Ralph Straus	Remove 2-story rear porch; brick-up lower section of exist. door openings to match exist. windows.

ACTION: Recommended for parts visible from a public highway, 11/22/60.

2731	3313 "O" St., NW Mr & Mrs V. I. Toumanoff	Install air-conditioning unit on roof.

ACTION: Not recom'd; recommend air-conditioning unit be relocated over passage near window to reduce its visibility; also recommend wood lattice screen to completely enclose the unit, 11/22/60.

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NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
2732	3244 Q St., NW Joan and George Worden	Replace existing front door with new door
ACTION:	Recommended, 12/1/60	
2733	1512-33rd St., NW J.F. Begg Co., Inc.(Real Estate)	5' cedar sapling fence.
ACTION:	Recommended, 12/1/60	
2734	3044 Dent Pl., NW A.L. Wheeler	Enclose 2-story rear porch over garage;remove front door & substitute window. New entr. steps & windows on Avon Pl. 7' sapling fence. Extensions beyond bldg. line.
ACTION:	Not recom'd. Suggest restudy of fenestration in new work at south end, using more uniform size & sill height for windows, & eliminating central mullions; also restudy of glass sizes in four shorter windows at south end of west facade, 12/13/60	
2735	3600 M St., NW D.C. Transit Systems, Inc.	Install air-conditioning unit on roof of penthouse behind tower which is at front of bld
ACTION:	Recommended, 12/6/60	
2736	3202 Scott Pl., NW Katherine E. Byron	New 8' retaining wall to replace exist.
ACTION:	Recom'd; suggest all exposed portion of wall be faced with brick, 12/6/60	
2737	2901 K St., NW King Coal Co.	3'-4" high wood fence.
ACTION:	Returned for such action as seems appropriate, inasmuch as fence was erected without review of design. Construction of fence of vertical boards, similar to fence adjoining at north side would have been preferable, 12/6/60	

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
2738	2913 M St., N.W. A.L. Wheeler (Apt. & Restaurant)	Alterations & addition.
ACTION:	Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 12/6/60	
2739	1229-37th St., NW Dr. Jeanne C. Bateman	Repair exist. wood picket fence.
ACTION:	Recommended, 12/6/60	
2740	1621-35th St.,NW Lawrence N. Brandt	3-story brick dwelling;6'-6" wood fence.
ACTION:	Returned; the CFA believes it would be improper to take action on this application until it has completed and forwarded its recommendations to the D.C. Dept. of L.& I., on O.G. 2728, an application to raze an old frame dwelling now existing on site at 1623-35th St., NW, 12/6/60.	
2741	1623-35th St., NW Lawrence N. Brandt	3-story brick dwelling; 6'-6" wood fence
ACTION:	Same as OG 2740.	
2742	1625-35th St., NW Lawrence N. Brandt	3-story brick dwelling; 6'-6" wood fence.
ACTION:	Same as OG 2740	
2744	1214 Wisc. Ave., NW Geo. Demetrio (Commercial & dwelling)	Wood fascia to cover unfinished area occasioned by removal of marquise.
ACTION:	Recommended, 12/6/60	

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NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
2728	1623-35th St., NW E. A. Ginnetti	Raze in entirety 2-story & basement, wood & brick dwelling. Not condemned by D. C. Gov't.

ACTION: Not recom'd. In accordance with the terms of reference contained in Public Law 808, 81st Congress, the age and architectural character of this structure qualifies it as an example of the type of bldg. for which protection Public Law 808 eas enacted. It is hoped that some means may be devised to save it from destruction. See attached letter to the President of the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia, dated 12/29/60, 12/29/60.

December 29, 1960

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

I am writing you in regard to an application for a permit to raze the building located at 1623-35th Street, N. W. (O.G. 2728) which has been forwarded to the Commission of Fine Arts for its comments by the District of Columbia Department of Licenses and Inspections, in accordance with Public Law 808, 81st Congress.

The structure on the premises is a house in good condition, and has been occupied as a residence until recent months. It has not been condemned and although it has been somewhat remodeled it is one of the few old houses of its type in Georgetown located on a spacious lot.

The Commission of Fine Arts believes that this house is an example of the type of architecture intended to be preserved by Public Law 808, 81st Congress, and that every effort should be made to preserve it. Therefore, the Commission recommends that the District Commissioners deny the permit to raze this building.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Honorable Robert E. McLaughlin
President, Board of Commissioners
of the District of Columbia
District Building
Washington 4, D. C.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 12/29/60 1/3/61

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
2747	2620 P St., NW J. Francis Harris, III	Erect brick party wall along party line between premises 2620 & 2622 P St., NW (Wall in place)

ACTION: Returned; see attached letter to the President, Board of Commissioners for the D. C., dtd. 1/3/61, 1/3/61.

3 January 1961

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

I am writing in regard to an application for a permit (C.C.2747) forwarded to the Commission of Fine Arts for its recommendation by the Permit Branch of the District of Columbia Department of Licenses and Inspections in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 808 - 81st Congress. The application is for a permit to erect a party wall along the party line between the premises at 2620 and 2622 P Street, N.W.

It is my understanding that the wall has already been erected without a permit and is twenty-one feet high and fourteen feet long. I understand that the building code of the District of Columbia would appear to limit a wall of this type to a height of seven feet. In addition to the height, the details of the wall are not such as would have been recommended by the Commission, had the drawing been submitted before the wall was built.

The Commission of Fine Arts believes that, inasmuch as the wall has been erected without a permit and not in accordance with the building code regulations, it is now a question for the District to determine what action should be taken. Therefore, the application is being returned to the Department of Licenses and Inspections without a recommendation.

For the Commission of Fine Arts:

Sincerely yours,

David E. Finley
Chairman

Honorable Robert E. McLaughlin
President
Board of Commissioners for t
District of Columbia
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Washington 4, D.C.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS SINCE 1/3/61 1/10/61

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
2743	1353 Wisc. Ave., NW Mascot Restaurant	1 s-f, 22½ sq-ft sign. Black cut-out plywood ltrs. on white bckgd., illuminated by 3 goose-neck flood lamps.
ACTION: Ret'd. for additional inf. for corrections to discrepancies in dimensions of exist. bldg. & dimensions on sketch of sign; also recom. substituting classical style lettering for Old English style lettering. Exposed or projected lighting source not recom'd., 1/6/61.		
2745	1332 Wisc. Ave., NW M. Chatel & J.M. Wise (Commercial)	Hang two carriage lights on exist. outlets.
ACTION: Recom'd., 12/20/60.		
2746	3200 M St., NW Rive Gauche & Place Vendome Restaurant	1 s-f, 20 sq-ft sign. Raised "Gold Leaf" wood ltrs. on black background. Non-illuminated.
ACTION: Recom'd., 12/20/60.		
2748	3217 P St., NW Neams Super Market	Addn. to rear of store; 12" high parapet wall above flat roof; fence. Remove & replace rear cinder-block stock rm. Fence appl. not subm'd.
ACTION: Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, provided surface of walls is treated to match exist. bldg. in color & texture. (NOTE: Action does not apply to fence, but wood fence is preferred to chain-link fence. 12/20/60.		
2749	1401 Wisc. Ave., NW Capital Garage	Erect parking lot attendant's shed.
ACTION: Recom'd., 12/20/60.		
2750	1401 Wisc. Ave., NW Capital Garage	2' high fence: 6"x6" wood posts, with 2 x 6 rails.
ACTION: Recom'd; provided span of posts is no greater than 10' on centers, 12/20/60.		

APPENDIX 2

NO	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
2751	1401 Wisc. Ave., NW Capital Garage	1 d-f sign, 12½ sq-ft each face. White bckgd., black ltrs. Wood. Suspended from post. Non-illuminated.
ACTION: Recom'd; provided shape of sign is squared, & molding is added to border. (See attached sketch for suggested sample.), 12/20/60.		
2752	3322 P St., NW Vanguard Investment Corp.	Assn. to exist. bldg. Face frame wall with 4" brick veneer & install new windows.
ACTION: Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 12/20/60.		
2753	1001-19 30th St., NW W. T. Galliher & Bros. (Lumber)	6'-6" wood cedar paling fence on steel framework--the wood to face out.
ACTION: Recom'd., provided sliding gates are faced with cedar wood paling to match that on rest of fence, 1/3/61.		
2754	1319 Wisc. Ave., NW Early American Shop	Green canvas awning, gear roller type with 2 folding lateral arms; over entrances & showwindow.
ACTION: Recom'd., 1/3/61.		
2755	3620 Prospect St., NW Tracy Barnes	Erect redwood board fence, 7' high.
ACTION: Recom'd., 1/3/61.		
2756	3044 Dent Pl., NW Hercules Invest. Corp. (A. L. Wheeler)	Rev. to OG 2734 to comply with CFA recommendations on proposed alterations to bldg.
ACTION: Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 1/6/61.		
2757	2720 Dumbarton Ave., NW Joseph Alsop	New 1-story masonry garage; alterations to front entr. incl. new stairs, raised terrace & 4' brick ret. wall.
ACTION: Recom'd. for parts visible from a public highway, 1/6/61;		

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
JANUARY 11, 1961

9:45 a. m.

The Commission of Fine Arts met, pursuant to notice, at 9:45 a. m. with David E. Finley, Chairman, presiding.

Present were: David E. Finley
Douglas W. Orr
Ralph Walker
Michael Rapuano
William G. Perry *
Felix W. de Weldon
Peter Hurd

L.R. Wilson, Secretary
C.H.Atherton, Asst. Sec'y
C.L.Martin, Counsel
Susan E. Bennett, Adm. Asst.

(Note: Mr. Perry absented himself during the consideration of the projects for the East and West Sides of Lafayette Square)

SUBMISSIONS

a. Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Competition
Corcoran Art Gallery Exhibition

The members met at the Corcoran Art Gallery at 9:00 a.m. for an informal examination of an exhibit of drawings and models of the winning design chosen by the jury,and other honorable mention designs, in the competition held by the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Commission for the design of the memorial to Mr. Roosevelt to be erected in the city of Washington, D. C.

b. General Services Administration
Public Buildings Service
Preliminary Plans for the Development of a Court Building on the East Side of Lafayette Square

The Commission met with representatives of the Public Buildings Service, General Services Administration, and the architects to consider plans for the design and location of a court building on the east side of Lafayette Square.

Mr. Joseph Richardson, architect of the firm of Shepley, Bullfinch, Richardson and Abbott, explained that, pursuant to a request made by the Commission at the November 16, 1960 meeting, the architects had made

studies showing possible designs for both the east and west side of the Square, and, in regard to the east side, studies of a Court Building with and without the Treasury Annex removed. He further explained that these studies were made within the framework of two general concepts, one in which the park was expanded to provide a landscaped setting around the buildings and the other in which the existing park would be contained by a continuous facade of buildings closely bordering the streets, a scheme reminiscent of the manner proposed by the designer of the Treasury Annex, Cass Gilbert.

The members were shown sketch plans and models of designs of various building masses for both sides of the Square based upon these two approaches to the problem.

The members expressed an immediate preference for the open, landscape scheme as shown in a drawing entitled "Master Plan Scheme One" which they regarded as the most ideal approach to the problem. It was concluded, however, that under this plan more space probably will have to be acquired to the east than is allowed under the present program and that further study of the program will be necessary.

In order to facilitate such study, the Chairman appointed Mr. Orr, Mr. Walker and Mr. Rapuano as a special committee to confer with the architects and a similar committee of three members of the National Capital Planning Commission upon the design problems. A meeting of the special committees was arranged for January 24, 1961 in the offices of the Commission of Fine Arts.

The Secretary was directed to prepare a letter to the Administrator, General Services Administration, setting forth the action taken by the Commission. EXHIBIT A

(Note: Mr. Perry, who had absented himself during the discussion of Lafayette Square, now joined the meeting.)

C. Interior Department, National Park Service, National Capital Parks
Revised Design of Cabin John Creek Bridge, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Maryland

Mr. William M. Haussmann, Chief, Architectural Branch, National Capital Parks, showed the members a drawing of the design of the proposed Cabin John Creek Bridge, which is to be a part of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, in Maryland. The design incorporated the suggestion of the Commission that the round freestanding supports at both ends of the bridge be eliminated. The members approved the design as shown in the drawing. The Secretary was directed to prepare a letter to the Director, National Park Service setting forth the Commission's action. EXHIBIT B

d. District of Columbia Redevelopment Land Agency
Maine Avenue Waterfront Development

The members met with Mr. John R. Searles, Jr., Executive Director of the Redevelopment Land Agency, and Mrs. Cloethiel W. Smith, architect of the firm of Satterlee and Smith, to confer on plans for the redevelopment of the Maine Avenue, S.W. waterfront.

Mr. Searles related the history of attempts to redevelop the Maine Avenue waterfront and how the Redevelopment Land Agency had acquired title to the land. He explained how the plan proposed by Mrs. Smith had been approved by the Redevelopment Land Agency and then introduced Mrs. Smith who described the plan in general and showed the various details of the plan through the use of drawings and a scale model.

The members approved the plan as presented and complimented Mrs. Smith upon several features which they particularly liked, such as the pedestrian promenade, the parking arrangements, and the plazas which will separate the main buildings and afford a view of the river.

The Chairman suggested to Mr. Searles that the waterfront area should be included in the Shipstead-Luce Act so that architectural control over the area by the Commission of Fine Arts could be maintained after the Redevelopment Land Agency has released control over the premises. Mr. Searles and Mrs. Smith said they would like to see such action taken. The Secretary was directed to prepare a letter setting forth the Commission's views. EXHIBIT C

At 1:00 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Martin

C. L. Martin
Counsel

Approved:

L. R. Wilson
Secretary